

Who Are We? – Week 4

Culture of Generosity

Big Idea: We believe the gospel produces generous people.

Main Scripture: 2 Corinthians 8:1–9

Group Purpose

Leader Tip: Avoid comparison or pressure. Emphasize that generosity looks different for each person, but obedience and joy are always the goal.

This week's conversation helps your Connect Group see generosity not as an obligation, but as a joyful response to the gospel. Biblical generosity flows from grace—from understanding what Jesus has done for us—and reshapes how we view our resources, time, and lives.

Opening

Icebreaker Question

- What is one example of generosity you've witnessed (or experienced) that really stood out to you?

(Keep the tone relaxed and story-focused.)

Scripture Reading

Read Together

- **2 Corinthians 8:1–9** (Have one or two people read aloud)

Ask the group to listen for words or phrases connected to *grace, joy, and giving*.

Teaching Summary (Leader Read-Aloud)

In 2 Corinthians 8, Paul points to the Macedonian churches as an example of gospel-shaped generosity. Despite hardship and limited resources, their giving overflowed from joy and grace—not pressure. Paul ultimately points to Jesus, whose sacrificial generosity on the cross becomes the foundation for our own. At our church, we believe giving isn't something we have

to do or need to do—it's something we get to do in grateful response to all that Jesus has done for us.

Group Discussion

Understanding the Text

1. What do you notice about the circumstances of the Macedonian churches in verses 1–2?
2. Why do you think Paul connects generosity so closely with *grace* in this passage?
3. According to verse 5, what came *before* their financial generosity?

Reflection & Personal Connection

4. When you hear teaching on generosity or giving, what emotions or thoughts usually come up?
5. How does viewing generosity as a *response* rather than an *obligation* change your perspective?
6. In what ways has Jesus been generous to you personally?

Church Culture Connection

7. Why is generosity a clear indicator of gospel transformation?
8. How can a generous church make a tangible impact in its community and beyond?

Application

Help the group move from discussion to practice.

Personal Application

- Where might God be inviting you to grow in generosity?
 - (Examples: finances, time, hospitality, encouragement, serving others)
- What is one intentional step you can take this week to respond generously to God's grace?

Group Application

- How can this Connect Group practice generosity together?
- Are there needs inside or outside the group that God may be prompting you to respond to?

Prayer Time

Guided Prayer Option

- Thank God for His generosity shown through Jesus.
- Ask God to shape hearts that give joyfully and freely.
- Pray for trust, gratitude, and obedience as responses to grace.

(Leaders: keep this time grace-filled and free from pressure.)

Closing Encouragement

Remind the group:

Generosity is not about what we give—it's about what the gospel has done in us.
When grace takes root, generosity naturally follows.

Encourage group members to continue living out **who we are** as a church by responding to God's grace with joyful generosity.